

SENATE BILL 847

By Finney R.

AN ACT to name a segment of U.S. Highway 411 in Blount County in honor of Representative Clifford H. "Bo" Henry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who have served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, former Representative Clifford "Bo" Henry, Jr. is a well-rounded gentleman who has served astutely in the diverse worlds of insurance, banking, science, education, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, Clifford Henry served the good people of Blount County with distinction for four terms (1975-1982) as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, during which time he was named the Most Effective Legislator by *The Tennessean*; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who earned the universal respect of both his colleagues and others involved in the legislative process, Mr. Henry excelled in every position in which he served during his tenure in the House of Representatives, including Assistant Minority Leader and membership on the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also the first legislator to file net worth and income tax statements with the Secretary of State, the prime sponsor of open meetings laws and sunset legislation, and the prime sponsor of and Republican Floor Leader during Governor Alexander's state budget messages; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors in various arenas of public and private life, he has been a man of integrity who says what he means and stands by his convictions; and

WHEREAS, Representative Henry enjoyed a productive 15-year tenure on the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), to which he was appointed for a nine-year term by

Governor Lamar Alexander and re-appointed for a six-year term by Governor Don Sundquist;
and

WHEREAS, Representative Henry also has a long-standing relationship with the Blount County Public School System, having graduated from Everett High School, taught at Rockford Elementary School and Friendsville High School, and served as Principal of Union Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Representative Henry is truly a man of the people, enthusiastically supporting many church and community activities; he has taught Sunday school at Broadway United Methodist Church for 35 years, and he finds it most rewarding to give generously of his time and talents to many worthy civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Bo Henry was a fervent proponent of scenic highways and traffic safety; it is thus most fitting that a certain segment of U.S. Highway 411 in Blount County should bear his name as a lasting tribute to his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of U.S. Highway 411 in Blount County from the southern corporate limits of the City of Maryville southward to the Blount County - Loudon County boundary is hereby designated the "Clifford H. 'Bo' Henry Highway" to honor an excellent public servant and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 411 described in Section 1 as the "Clifford H. 'Bo' Henry Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not

render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.